



**NDLA General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2022
Clarion Hotel & Convention Center**

NDLA Board members:

Will Martin, President
Kerriane Boetcher, President-Elect
Rita Ennen, Past-President
Tonya Palmer, Secretary
Aaron Stefanich, Treasurer
Randi Monley, MPLA Representative
Brittany Fischer, Academic and Special Libraries Section, Chair

Kristen Borysewicz, Bylaws and Policies Committee, Co-Chair
Liz Mason, Membership Committee, Chair
James Murphy, Finance Committee, Chair
Mary Soucie, State Librarian
Trevor Martinson, NDLA Archivist

Absent:

Sara Westall, ALA Councilor
Erika Johnson, Health Sciences and Information Section, Chair
Andrea Placher, Public Library Section, Chair
Shari Mosser, School Library and Youth Service Section, Chair
Virginia Bjorness, Bylaws and Policies Committee, Co-Chair
BreAnne Meier, Nomination, Voting, and Election Committee, Chair

President Will Martin called the meeting to order at 12:10.

Quorum was established via headcount.

Approval of the 2021 minutes. Mary Soucie moved to approve the minutes, Kerriane Boetcher seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Aaron Stefanich reported the investments are appropriately conservative and income is stable.

State Librarian's report: Mary Soucie. There have been many staff changes at the State Library, new staff in attendance were introduced. New staff and combined positions were announced.

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ARPA update, 3 libraries were automated. One library is now using ODIN, the other two soon will be. All fees are being paid by the State Library. Academic libraries are starting an OverDrive consortium with help from ARPA dollars. 10 book vending machines to be placed in counties across the state with limited or no library services. An NDSL card is required. There have been changes to the Library Vision grant process - standardized application, guidelines, and scoring rubric, and local matching is no longer required. The new grant period will open Jan 2. New focus - Collection development (must be shareable) and laptop, tablet, ereaders for patrons. \$2000. Any ND library is welcome to invite Mary Soucie to be a librarian for a day at their library. Changes to collection - freezing some collections and focusing on getting books to underserved counties. Kit Keeper will no longer be used - all kits are cataloged in Polaris now. NDSL wants to submit changes to the ND Century Code at the legislative session - the library community is encouraged to be more active in support of libraries during this session; give testimony in person or remotely, or speak out against bills that affect libraries negatively. Intellectual Freedom challenges are happening in ND - reach out to NDSL for help with challenges. Double check collection development policies and strengthen them as much as possible. Mary Soucie is willing to speak to library boards about this topic.

Auction (live and silent) and trivia raised almost \$2800.

ALA Councilor's report, given by Shannon Yarborough. Coretta Scott King round table has been established. The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom and others established a Fight Censorship toolkit. The number of challenges have increased. ALA resolutions were shared.

MPLA Representative's report by Randi Monley. Institutional memberships now include 3-6 personal memberships. The next MPLA conference is in Oklahoma, and it will be back in North Dakota in 2025. Winners of MPLA memberships announced: Jessica Hauger (GFP_), Brittany Fischer (UND), Jacey Atilano (GFP_), Kassie Zeiger (MPL), Jackie Johnson (Heart of America), Kelly Kudrna (Stanley), Lisa Lunde (Fort Yates), Valerie Huseth (MPL), Sarah Hicks (Minot High School), and Alfred Wallace (UND).

No old business

New business

Certificates of Appreciation for 26 outgoing members of executive board and committee chairs.

Notable Documents Winners were announced – 1st place - We Are Called To Do the Right Thing by Prakash Mathew, 2nd place - Mindful Wandering by Rebecca J. Romsdah, 3rd place – A Field Guide to Custer's Camps by Don Weinell

EDI Committee report by Amanda Walsh. They are calling for new members. A survey was distributed via QR code.

Resolutions

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Public Library Section proposed resolution: The Executive Board of the North Dakota Library Association issue a written public statement in opposition to book challenges taking place at public libraries and schools throughout the state.

Comment from Mary Soucie - well-written and timely. Kerriane Beotcher moved to accept, Susie Sharp seconded. Motion passed. None opposed or abstaining.

Proposed resolution from Will Martin: The North Dakota Library Association calls on the state legislature to define formal retention and disposition policies for electronic communications performed by incumbents of statewide elective offices in the course of their duties, including the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and members of the legislature.

Discussion: Question from Mary Soucie - Is this archival, putting it under NDLA's purview? Will said it is. Shelby Harken moved to accept. Kristen Borysewicz seconded. Motion passed, Mary Soucie abstained.

Announcements:

Incoming exec board members must attend the meeting at 3pm.

Will Martin passed the gavel to Kerriane Boetcher. The meeting was adjourned at 12:53.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya Palmer
Secretary